

# STARS AND STRIPES

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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

## 'Chemical Ali' nabbed; U.N. cuts staff in Iraq as death toll hits 23

BY D'ARCY DORAN

*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The United Nations said Thursday it was pulling a third of its staff from Iraq as the death toll rose to 23 in the bombing of its Baghdad headquarters. The U.S. military said it captured "Chemical Ali" — Ali Hassan al-Majid, No. 5 on the list of most-wanted Iraqis.

Al-Majid, a cousin of Saddam Hussein, once ran Iraq's armed forces. He received his nickname from opponents for his role in 1988 chemical weapons attacks that killed thousands of Kurds in northern Iraq.

Also, U.S. troops nabbed a suspected Iraqi militia leader carrying what appeared to be a hit list of 10 Iraqi names.

And an American soldier was reported killed by "an improvised explosive device," the U.S. Central Command said. Two other soldiers were wounded in the incident in the Karkah district of Baghdad late Wednesday.

The dead soldier, whose name was not yet released, was from the 1st Armored Division. The military had no other details.

U.S. officials in Washington gave no immediate details of how al-Majid came into U.S. custody. Al-Majid was the king of spades in the deck of cards issued by the U.S. military to help soldiers identify former regime leaders.

The military had believed al-Majid was killed in April in an airstrike on a house in southern Iraq. But Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in June that interrogations of Iraqi prisoners indicated he might still be alive.

Also Thursday, U.S. forces captured a suspected senior member of Saddam's Fedayeen militia who was carrying a shopping list for explosives materials near Baqouba, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad, a military official said.

The man, identified as Rashid Mohammed, was believed to be trying to organize a 600-strong militia in the area. He also was holding what appeared to be a list of Iraqis to be killed when soldiers stopped his car on a highway north of Baqouba and detained him along with two others, said Lt. Col. William Adamson, of the 588th Engineering Battalion.

The military also said it had captured an unspecified number of Saddam's relatives and associates in a Wednesday night raid in Baqouba, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad. Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, declined to identify the captives.

Saddam "will have to continue to move on a routine basis or we will catch him. I believe he is moving around the Sunni Triangle," Odierno said, referring to the region west and north of Baghdad with a high concentration of supporters of the deposed dictator.

Meanwhile, hundreds of soldiers and civilians, assisted by sniffer dogs, searched for bodies Thursday amid the destroyed U.N. offices in the Canal Hotel, said David Roach from the U.S. Defense Department, who is overseeing the recovery efforts. He said evi-



SAMIR MEZBAN/AP

**U.S. soldiers walk through debris Thursday while inspecting the damage caused by Tuesday's bomb attack at the United Nations' headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.**

dence of human remains was being collected and would be sent to a lab for testing, without elaborating.

Thursday's search uncovered three more bodies, said U.N. spokesman Salim Lone, raising the toll to at least 23 — including chief U.N. envoy to Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello.

For safety, search teams staged a controlled explosion to remove a piece of dangling concrete roof they feared might fall. Team members said they might have to stage similar blasts as they continue to sift through the wreckage.

About 100 U.N. support and administrative staff, out of a total 300 in Iraq, were being flown to Amman, Jordan and Larnaca, Cyprus, according to Ramiro Lopes da Silva, Iraq coordinator for U.N. humanitarian programs.

He said 86 U.N. staffers were seriously wounded in the Tuesday attack and were evacuated as their condition allowed. He said two U.N. colleagues still were unaccounted for and an unknown number of people, visitors to the headquarters building, still were buried in the rubble.

FBI agents investigating the blast determined that the bomb consisted of about 1,000 pounds of old ordnance — including mortar rounds, artillery shells, hand grenades and a 500-pound bomb — likely culled from Saddam Hussein's old arsenal.

The explosives were piled — without "any great degree of sophistication or expertise" — onto the back of a Soviet-made military flatbed truck known as a KAMAZ, not a cement truck as earlier thought, Special Agent Thomas Fuentes said.

The vehicle was driven to just out-

side the concrete wall recently built around the hotel and detonated. Some munitions failed to explode, and investigators and rescue workers had to dig through the site carefully Wednesday to avoid setting them off.

U.S. Army soldiers have turned up many weapons caches across the country in past months.

L. Paul Bremer, the American civil administrator in Iraq, said on American television Wednesday that there were "at least two hypotheses" over the bombing — one blaming remnants of the Saddam regime, the other, insurgents from neighboring countries.

He said more than 100 foreign terrorists were believed to be in Iraq, but did not say which theory seemed more likely at this stage.

Members of Iraq's U.S.-picked Governing Council pointed to Saddam loyalists. After a council meeting Wednesday, member Mouwafak Al-Rabii said, "There are fingerprints indicating that the act was committed by remnants of the former regime and there are early investigation reports confirming that." He did not elaborate.

Ahmad Chalabi, a prominent council member, warned that the lines between foreign militants and pro-Saddam guerrillas is already blurred, saying Iraqi intelligence reports showed that the Saddam's Fedayeen militia had allied itself with the al-Qaida-linked Ansar al-Islam.

"Ansar are now in Baghdad and they are compromised of Iraqis from all sects and non-Iraqis," he said.

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## U.N. bombing may hinder aid missions

BY KIM GAMEL

*The Associated Press*

UNITED NATIONS — A deadly attack on U.N. headquarters in Baghdad could disrupt humanitarian work as fears grow that aid workers have become targets in a guerrilla war against the U.S.-led occupation. Relief organizations, however, pledged to keep up their fight to help Iraqis.

The death toll from Tuesday's truck bomb included many U.N. officials remembered for their efforts in helping innocent civilians caught in international hot spots.

While extending condolences to the victims of the bombing, World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Jong-wook Lee said, "We must now ensure that the people of Iraq do not suffer more as a result."

A defiant U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan vowed that the blast would not drive the world body out of Iraq.

Aid agencies followed his lead. "I think that people will probably generally take heart from the determination of the U.N. humanitarian family to continue with their mission," said a UNICEF spokesman Gordon Weiss. "There's an enormous need and that need hasn't been reduced by this slaughter."

Care, an independent international organization that is restoring several clinics and providing nutritional supplements for children, said the blast underscored the need to quickly restore law and order.

The group's vice president, Pat Carey, said "the particular worry here is that this seems to represent a step up in terms of targeting of specific humanitarian workers."

Carey said the destruction to the U.N. compound was a setback to all aid groups, which usually work closely with the United Nations and each other, but he said they would persevere.

"We're continuing our operations in Iraq and we intend to carry on with the programs that we currently have, but we do want to step back and think through the security implications," he said.

He said some of the possible measures — such as reducing the number of foreign staff sent to Iraq — as well as the interruption to U.N. operations could reduce the group's ability to respond to crises.

U.N. operations in Iraq were suspended. Iraqi employees were told to stay home and the United Nations began a comprehensive reevaluation of its security situation.

"The U.N. needs to get itself refunc-tioning [in Iraq] again now," Carey said, adding that the blow to the world body "is going to set back the whole humanitarian operation ... so we're going to have to pace ourselves."

Aid workers are generally used to working in risky environments with little security.

In Iraq this year, assailants attacked a Red Cross vehicle on July 22, killing an aid worker from Sri Lanka and wounding the Iraqi driver. The U.N. World Food Program was targeted in a July 6 grenade attack in the northern city of Mosul that killed an Iraqi driver.

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## Myers: Arrests of Hussein, bin Laden not important

The Associated Press

DANVERS, Mass. — The capture of Saddam Hussein or Osama bin Laden would not necessarily stabilize Iraq or end the war on terrorism, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said Wednesday.

"If we were to capture Saddam tomorrow and bin Laden the next day, it would be an important event but not a major milestone in the fight against terrorism or stability in Iraq," Gen. Richard Myers told reporters before speaking at a conference for military officials and defense contractors.

"They are important but they are not the end all and be all."

Even though many acts of terrorism have been prevented since the war on terrorism began al-Qaida has also become less centralized, Myers said, becoming less reliant on its hierarchy than it was before Sept. 11, 2001.

Myers called Tuesday's bombing at the United Nations building in Baghdad that killed the U.N.'s top envoy in Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello "an atrocity" that could mark the start of a new front in the war on terror.

"If the target is now organizations like the U.N., then that's new," he said. "Then we have to ensure that other targets like that are protected."

He said the United States is not planning to send more troops to Iraq, and is instead trying to encourage other nations to do so. He also said efforts are continuing to build a new Iraqi army, and civil defense and police forces.

About 950 people attended the conference, which included military and government officials and defense contractors, including Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Titan, Dynamics Research.

The Command, Control, Computers, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Summit — or C4ISR — brings together military, government and civilian defense contractors together to discuss and plan integrated communications networks.

Myers, who said C4ISR "is a passion of mine" delivered the keynote address.

## United Nations

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But the extent of death and destruction from Tuesday's truck bombing and the sight of a light blue U.N. flag fluttering atop the compound as black smoke rose from piles of rubble shocked even the most experienced.

Charles Vincent, deputy director of the World Food Program, said "our task is to keep bringing in the 450,000 to 500,000 tons of food a month. The Iraqi population depends on that and we need to find a way to do that safely."

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund pulled their staff out of Iraq on Wednesday. The European Union also said it was scaling back its presence in Baghdad, calling home three officials on temporary assignment and leaving three on long-term duty to handle humanitarian aid issues.

But Michael Mann, a spokesman for the EU's executive Commission, said in Brussels, Belgium, that officials were still evaluating the situation.

## Nation

**Yosemite slayings settlement:** The family of two Yosemite sightseers killed by Cary Stayner have reached a \$1 million settlement with the motel where the convicted murderer worked as a handyman.

Jens Sund will use the money to care for his three teenage children and pay for their college educations, said Donald Fischbach, his lawyer.

The settlement in Sund's wrongful-death lawsuits against Cedar Lodge was reached Monday.

Sund's wife, Carole, 42; their daughter Juli, 15; and an Argentine friend, Silvina Pelosso, 16, were killed by Stayner in February 1999. Stayner was sentenced to death late last year for their murders.

**Phoenix pipeline:** Despite continuing problems with an idled gasoline pipeline that has created shortages and long lines in the Phoenix area, Gov. Janet Napolitano expects service to be restored by Sunday.

For now, trucks are attempting to replace gasoline ordinarily flowing through the pipeline from Tucson to Phoenix. The pipeline carries a third of the gasoline used in the Phoenix area, has sparked days of shortages and long lines at gas stations.

**Computer virus:** A computer virus that circulated across the Internet this week, hard on the heels of another nasty online infection, is the fastest e-mail outbreak ever, an anti-virus company said.

MessageLabs, which scans e-mail for viruses, said that within 24 hours it had scanned more than 1 million copies of the "F" variant of the "Sobig" virus, which was blamed for computer disruptions at businesses, colleges and other institutions worldwide.

The previous record was "Klez," with about 250,000 copies spotted during its first 24 hours earlier this year, MessageLabs chief technology officer Mark Sunner said Thursday.

Sobig began appearing Tuesday, just a week after a separate virus, "Blast-er," wreaked havoc on computer systems across the world.

**Van crash beating:** One of eight men charged in the mob beating deaths of two Chicago men was sentenced to 20 years in prison Wednesday — the toughest punishment handed down so far in the July 2002 incident.

Robert Tucker, 21, pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of Jack Moore and Anthony Stuckey, said Cook County state's attorney spokesman Tom Stanton.

The plea voided murder charges that could have brought life in prison if Tucker had been convicted.

Last summer Moore, 62, and Stuckey, 49, were killed when they were attacked by a mob after their rental van jumped a curb and struck several women. One woman later died.

Eight men were charged in the attack. One was acquitted of all charges and another was convicted of mob action and battery. Four men have pleaded guilty to aggravated battery, and received between four and five years in prison. One man is awaiting trial.

**Children killed:** A father was arraigned on murder, assault and other charges Thursday for allegedly shooting his four children, killing three of them, and setting fire to his home in Detroit to conceal the crimes.

A judge entered an innocent plea on behalf of Anthony Lamar Bailey, who police believe shot the children with a shotgun and set the fire Tuesday night before fleeing on a bicycle. He was arrested Wednesday while walking on a freeway overpass.

The surviving child, 9-year-old Antonia, was found shot in the stomach in the house's basement along with the bodies of her siblings: Shamice, 11,

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Ayana, 3, and Lamar, who was 1 year old.

Court records show Bailey already was serving six months probation after pleading guilty in March to domestic violence for punching his wife in the face and stomach and choking her.

**Abortion doctor:** A husband and wife who conspired to help the man who gunned down a suburban Buffalo abortion doctor in 1998 were freed Thursday after serving more than two years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Carol Amon, ruling after a two-day hearing, said sentencing guidelines precluded a longer prison term than the two years and five months Loretta Marra and Dennis Malvasi had already served.

But Amon told the couple they had joined in "the very kind of evil you purport to abhor" and urged them to consider the seriousness of helping a killer.

Marra, 39, and Malvasi, 53, pleaded guilty in April to conspiring to harbor then-fugitive James Kopp. Kopp was convicted this year of killing Dr. Barnett Slepian when he fired an assault rifle through a window of the doctor's home.

**Smuggled sperm:** A New York gangster who smuggled his semen out of federal prison to impregnate his wife was sentenced to an additional 16 months in jail.

Kevin Granato, a convicted hit man for the Colombo crime family, and his wife, Regina, pleaded guilty in May to charges they used a cryogenic sperm kit to sneak his sperm from Allenwood Federal Prison to a New York fertility clinic.

The couple's daughter is now 3. Regina Granato, 40, received nine months probation for her role.

Granato, 43, whose current prison sentence for racketeering and murder runs until 2012, could have been sentenced to another 35 years.

The gangster came under suspicion after he was seen in the visitation room showing off a toddler he called his child, even though he had been in jail since 1988 and did not have conjugal visits.

Mob associate Antonio Parlavacchio and his wife, Maria, were indicted on similar charges in December 2000. He had an extra six months added to his sentence.

But in that case, a federal appeals court ordered the vials of sperm destroyed, saying Maria Parlavacchio wasn't entitled to the "fruits of her criminal activity."

## World

**French rocker case:** French rock star Bertrand Cantat will likely stand trial in Vilnius in mid-September on manslaughter charges in the death of his actress-girlfriend, a Lithuanian prosecutor said Thursday.

Ramutis Jancevicius, the chief prosecutor in Vilnius, said the investigation into the death of 41-year-old Marie Trintignant is two-thirds complete and that Cantat would likely face trial within weeks. France is pursuing a separate investigation into Trintignant's death, but Jancevicius said extradition was not being considered.

Cantat, the lead singer of French rock group Noir Desir, could face a maximum of 15 years in prison if he is convicted of manslaughter in a Lithuanian court. Cantat has not been formally charged yet, but that legal step is expected as the investigation winds down, Jancevicius said.

**Princess Diana memorial fountain:** Six years after the death of Princess Diana, the foundation stone of her memorial fountain in London was laid Wednesday by British Culture Minister Tessa Jowell.

The \$4.8 million fountain in Hyde

Park, designed by American architect Kathryn Gustafson, is a granite oval around which water flows, cascades and tumbles at different speeds before entering a tranquil pool.

Existing Diana memorials around the country include an adventure playground in Kensington Gardens; the memorial at Diana's tomb in the grounds of Althorp House, her childhood home; and countless small flower gardens and fountains in towns across the United Kingdom.

**N. Korea nuclear talks:** U.S. and South Korean officials warned on Wednesday that next week's six-nation talks on North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons program were unlikely to produce a fast resolution to the crisis.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan cautioned against high expectations for the Aug. 27-29 talks in Beijing, where representatives from his country, the United States, China, Japan and Russia will try to persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

**Hambali questioning:** Three Indonesian investigators have gone to an undisclosed location to question Southeast Asia's top suspected terrorist about his alleged role in bombings in Indonesia, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

**Bali bombings:** The alleged mastermind of last year's nightclub bombings on Bali island tried to recruit five men to be suicide bombers, a witness told a court Wednesday.

One of the five, a man identified as Iqbal, later agreed to the offer from Imam Samudra, the court heard. The other four apparently declined to become "martyr bombers."

**SARS seen again?:** A World Health Organization virologist has joined the Canadian investigation of a flu-like illness in British Columbia that officials say could be a mild form of SARS or a related virus.

Almost 150 residents and staff members at one nursing home in a Vancouver suburb fell ill in recent weeks with sniffles and other symptoms much less severe than the headaches and pneumonia associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome.

## Military

**Former Marine extradited:** An American man facing charges of abducting a 12-year-old British schoolgirl met on the Internet was extradited to Britain on Thursday after being arrested in Germany.

Toby Studabaker, 31, was put on board a Royal Air Force jet at Frankfurt international airport for the flight to Britain, where he faces charges of child abduction and inciting a child to an act of gross indecency.

Studabaker, a former U.S. Marine, did not contest his extradition. He told a court in Frankfurt he did not have sex with the girl and maintained that he thought she was 18, but did not comment further.

## Business

**Enron headquarters:** The 50-story glass tower that houses the headquarters of collapsed Enron Corp. is up for sale. Granite Partners LLC, a New York real estate investment banking firm, announced Wednesday it's been retained to sell the tower at a time when top-notch office space in downtown Houston is cheap and plentiful.

The oval-shaped headquarters housed more than 7,000 employees before the company went bankrupt in December 2001 amid devastating revelations of inflated profits, hidden debt and questionable accounting. Thousands of laid off Enron employees streamed outside the day after the company filed for bankruptcy.

From wire reports



# News from around the war

## Another suicide attempt at Gitmo

WASHINGTON — Another terrorism suspect at the Pentagon's prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has tried to kill himself, the second such attempt in as many weeks.

This week's suicide attempt was the 31st since the high-security prison opened in January 2002, Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr.

Barbara Burfeind said Wednesday. She said the suicide attempt happened in the last few days but could not be more specific.

Twenty prisoners have tried to kill themselves, some more than once. None have so far succeeded.

Most attempts occurred this year, which officials and critics alike have attributed to the effects of indefinite detentions on prisoner morale. Some of the prisoners have been held for more than a 18 months without charges, access to lawyers or indications of whether or when they may be freed.

U.S. authorities are holding some 660 prisoners from 42 countries at Guantanamo on suspicion of links to the al-Qaida terrorist network or Afghanistan's fallen Taliban regime.

President Bush has named six prisoners who could be tried before military tribunals. The next step is for a chief prosecutor to draft charges against them.

## Wing prepares to ship out, again

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — Days after they were guests of honor at a welcome home parade, members of an Air Force reserve unit learned they will be shipping out again for the war in Iraq.

The 914th Airlift Wing out of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station received word of its redeployment on Wednesday.

Several hundred of the reservists were deployed in March and returned to Niagara Falls about six weeks ago. On Saturday, they were honored with a "Home-town Heroes Parade" that drew hundreds of flag- and sign-waving supporters.

Details of the redeployment were expected at a news conference Thursday afternoon.

Prior to March, the air wing had last been activated in October 1990, when reservists were sent to the United Arab Emirates as part of the Gulf War.

## Japan hedges on troops to Iraq

TOKYO — For war-wary Japan, it would have been historic — dispatching troops to help rebuild an Iraq that's far from safe.

But the bombing of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad could force Tokyo to shelve plans to send a peace-keeping force to a combat zone for the first time since World War II.

Japanese officials now say the dispatch, approved last month by Parliament, may be delayed by up to several months.

"A dispatch may not be feasible this year," Defense Agency chief Shigeru Ishiba told reporters late Wednesday.

"If we provide humanitarian aid, it doesn't seem out of the question that [Japanese troops] could be targeted for attack. It will probably take some time before the peace is restored," he said. "The fact is, a troop dispatch won't happen soon."

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, who has sought to raise Japan's international profile by expanding its peacekeeping role, has stressed Japan's duty to help with reconstruction.

But Koizumi, who is up for re-election as head of the ruling party next month, has promised to make a decision on the timing after a government team confirms it is safe to do so. Underlining the danger to many here was the announcement that a Japanese employee of the United Nations was among those injured in the Baghdad blast.

"We will carefully monitor the situation and plan to conduct a thorough survey," he told reporters Wednesday in Poland, where he is on a three-nation European trip. "We have to continue the aid."

He avoided saying when Tokyo planned to send its team to assess the security situation, after postponing a trip scheduled in mid-August.

Under new legislation, troops can be sent to overseas trouble spots to offer medical assistance, repatriate refugees, reconstruct buildings and roads, and give administrative advice.

They will be allowed to carry weapons to defend themselves when under fire — not to help U.S. forces keep the peace.

## Weapons seized at Yemen border

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Smuggled weapons from Yemen to Saudi Arabia are seized every hour, the governor of a Saudi border province was quoted as saying Thursday.

"We intercept, on an average of every hour, weapons smuggling operation at the Yemeni border," Prince Mohammed bin Nasser, Jazan governor, told the London-based pan-Arab daily Asharq Al-Awsat.

"This is an alarming phenomenon," the prince said. "That's why we work with the brothers in the Yemeni authorities in chasing those smugglers, dismantling their efforts and presenting them to justice."

Last week, Saudi police arrested at least 11 suspected militants and seized a large weapons cache in Jazan, Saudi dailies reported.

Saudi Arabia has often complained about weapons smuggled in from Yemen, a tribal country where illegal weapons trading is rampant and crackdowns have had limited success. The issue has grown more significant amid fear of terrorist attacks. The two countries signed an agreement on June to coordinate border surveillance.

Yemen, a hotbed for militancy and the ancestral home of Saudi-born Osama bin Laden, leader of the al-Qaida terror network, has joined the United States-led war on terror. It has been the scene of sev-

eral terrorist attacks, including the USS Cole bombing in 2000 that killed 17 American sailors.

A travel warning issued Wednesday by the State Department spoke of threats by "extremist individuals or groups against U.S. citizens, facilities, businesses and perceived interests" in Yemen.

Anti-terror raids in Yemen and Saudi Arabia followed repeated calls by the United States to do more to curb Islamic militancy following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Fifteen of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis.

The Saudi government has launched a heavy crackdown on Islamic militants since May 12 suicide bombings in Riyadh killed 26 people besides the nine attackers.

## More troops won't cut U.S. load

ARLINGTON, Va. — An increase in the number of coalition and Iraqi forces added to the overall force structure in Iraq does not translate into a reduction of U.S. presence in the near future, said Gen. John Abizaid, commanding general of forces in that region.

Though more nations are pledging to contribute forces to the stabilization efforts of Iraq, U.S. forces should expect to stick to the two-year rotation scheduled laid out several weeks ago, Abizaid said Thursday during a Pentagon press briefing.

The recently U.S.-trained Iraqi police and protection force has grown to roughly 50,000 men, and that force, coupled with coalition-supplied soldiers, will be tapped to take over some of the security duties now being done by U.S. forces, Abizaid said.

"[The augmentation] does not mean a drawdown in U.S. forces," he said.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said he leaves the recommendation of U.S. troop strength of roughly 148,000 up to Abizaid, who for the time being, said the number does not need to be changed.

The numbers, both men said, aren't going down because of new forces coming in — and conversely, aren't going to go up to counter the recent escalation of terrorist attacks against troops and on international "soft targets," so named because they are not as heavily protected as U.S. bases in the country.

On Tuesday, a suspected suicide bomber demolished a section of the United Nations building in Baghdad, killing an estimated 20 people and injuring hundreds more. On Aug. 7, a car bombing outside of the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad killed 17 people.

Several weeks ago, U.S. Army officials outlined a two-year rotational cycle for deployments to Iraq, and stated that soldiers should expect to be in country for a year in which they set foot in country.

Instead of security details, such as guarding government buildings and universities, U.S. troops will be moved to other missions such as securing Iraq's porous borders, which officials believe terrorists cells are taking advantage of in order to enter the country.

"Terrorism is clearly emerging as our No. 1 security threat," Abizaid said.

From wire and staff reports

# Rumsfeld: No plans to send more troops to Iraq

BY MATT KELLEY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday there are no immediate plans to bolster American forces in Iraq. The fledgling Iraqi security forces, he said, are the best bet for securing the country in the long term.

Some analysts, however, say Tuesday's bombing of the U.N. offices in Baghdad shows security cannot wait for the hiring and training of those Iraqi forces.

"The Iraqi process is too slow for what we need now," said retired Army Maj. Gen. William Nash, who commanded NATO peacekeeping forces in Bosnia. "You can't lose the war while you're developing the perfect plan."

Rumsfeld said military commanders in Iraq told his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, that there was no need for more troops.

"At the moment, the conclusion of the responsible military officials is that

the force levels are where they should be," Rumsfeld told reporters during a visit to Honduras. "The effort should be on developing additional Iraqi capability rather than additional coalition capability."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he did not foresee U.N. peacekeepers going to Iraq. The World Bank and International Monetary Fund on Wednesday pulled their staff out of Iraq. But a U.N. spokesman said only two of the 300 or so U.N. workers in the country decided to leave.

More than 140,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq, performing hundreds of daily patrols, as well as relief and reconstruction efforts. Their raids have turned up tons of military explosives and thousands of other weapons, captured 36 of the top 55 most wanted Iraqis and killed deposed President Saddam Hussein's sons, Odai and Qusai.

Other countries have sent more than 24,000 troops to Iraq. The American-led civilian administration in Iraq has 954 U.S. government, military and private contractor employees working to restore basic services such as electricity

and water and to rebuild Iraq's economy.

A large part of that effort involves creating Iraqi institutions to replace those that Saddam used to keep himself in power.

Coalition forces have hired and trained more than 32,000 Iraqis as police, border guards and security guards. More than 8,000 Iraqi police are on the job in Baghdad.

Plans call for 12,000 troops in the new Iraqi army to be trained by the end of the year, augmented by more than 3,500 members of a new Iraqi civil defense force.

But Nash, the retired Army officer, said that is not enough to prevent attacks such as the U.N. bombing and the Aug. 7 blast outside the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad.

Nash, now a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, said his "gut feeling" is that 12,000 to 25,000 more U.S. troops are needed to keep order.

"There's no evidence they've achieved the level of security necessary to go about rebuilding the country," Nash said.

The ratio of troops to population is much lower in Iraq than was the case at first in Bosnia or Kosovo, said Michele Flournoy, a Defense Department official in the Clinton administration.

"There's no question we're stretched thin inside Iraq," said Flournoy, an analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, an independent think tank.

L. Paul Bremer, the American civil administrator in Iraq, and other Bush administration officials say there are enough American troops in Iraq for now. Pentagon officials say those forces are getting better at finding the Saddam loyalists and Islamic extremists responsible for most of the violence.

"I think that the forces in Iraq are getting a better handle on who the enemy is," said Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute think tank.

Still, Bremer said Wednesday he was reassessing the security situation in Iraq and planned to meet Friday with diplomats in Baghdad to review their security measures.

# Testimony says Brit informant feared being found dead in woods

BY THOMAS WAGNER

*The Associated Press*

LONDON — Five months before he committed suicide, government weapons scientist David Kelly told a colleague that he feared he might "be found dead in the woods" if a U.S.-led coalition went to war with Iraq, a judicial inquiry was told Thursday.

Kelly, identified as a source of a BBC report that questioned the integrity of the government's case for war, was found dead at the edge of a clump of woods near his rural home July 18.

The bitter dispute between the government and the British Broadcasting Corp. over the network's coverage of Prime Minister Tony Blair's arguments for going to war, including warnings about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, has become the biggest crisis of his six years in office.

The judge directing the inquiry, Lord Hutton, announced at the end of Thursday's session that Blair would give evidence Aug. 28, a day after an appearance by Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon. David Broucher, a British representative to the United Nations conference on disarmament in Geneva, testified that he met Kelly, a former U.N. inspector in Iraq, in Switzerland on Feb. 27 after requesting a briefing on Iraq and biological weapons.

Kelly said he had been urging his Iraqi contacts to allow full inspections to avoid the threat of attack, but the Iraqis feared that if they disclosed too

much about their state of readiness, they might become more vulnerable, Broucher said.

"My impression was that he felt he was in some personal difficulty or embarrassment about this because he felt the invasion might go ahead anyway and somehow it was putting him in a morally ambiguous situation," Broucher said.

"As David Kelly was leaving, I said to him, 'What do you think will happen if Iraq is invaded?'"

"His reply was, which at the time I took to be a throwaway remark, he said, 'I will probably be found dead in the woods.'"

Broucher said he didn't report the conversation to his superiors at the Foreign Office in an e-mail until Aug. 5.

"I thought he might have meant that he was at risk of being attacked by the Iraqis in some way," he said.

Kelly killed himself in mid-July, a week after he was named as a possible source behind news reports that accused the government of manipulating intelligence about Iraq's weapons programs to make a stronger case for war.

A government pathologist reported earlier this month that the main cause of Kelly's death was bleeding from several cuts on his left wrist. Kelly also swallowed more than a prescription dose of painkillers.

His family said the scrutiny he endured after being revealed as a source made his life intolerable.

Donald Anderson, who headed a parliamentary committee that investigated the government's case for war, told

the inquiry Thursday that Kelly had "shown no distress" during his July 15 appearance before the panel.

But Sunday Times journalist Nick Rufford testified that a few days earlier, Kelly told him he was "a bit shocked" that he had been identified as a possible source behind the BBC report at the center of the controversy.

"I was told it would all be confidential," Rufford quoted Kelly as saying.

"He said to me, 'It has been a pretty difficult time for me, as you can imagine,' and he was talking about the last few weeks," Rufford said.

Rufford, who was visiting Kelly at his home, added that the scientist "looked perplexed at the prospect" of receiving intense media scrutiny.

The May 29 BBC report accused the government of "sexing up" a dossier about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction to bolster its argument for war, including a claim that Saddam Hussein's forces could deploy some of those weapons on 45 minutes' notice.

The report sparked an acrimonious dispute between the BBC and the government, which denies manipulating intelligence.

Kelly told the parliamentary committee he had spoken to BBC correspondent Andrew Gilligan but didn't believe he was the source for the reporter's story. He denied making the claims included in Gilligan's report.

Rufford said Kelly made a similar statement to him, insisting he had spoken to Gilligan only about "factual stuff." The journalist quoted Kelly as saying the government's dossier was "factual and credible."

## Marine reported shot self

ANOKA, Minn. — A Marine who had told authorities he had been shot while trying to help a stranded motorist has now admitted that he shot himself to avoid being shipped overseas.

The Anoka County sheriff's department said Wednesday that Adam Welter, 20, acknowledged the gunshot wound was self-inflicted. He was treated and released from a hospital Monday.

Welter was reportedly scheduled to ship out for Hawaii that day.

He called an investigator Tuesday to take responsibility, said Capt. Robert Aldrich, a sheriff's department spokesman.

"He was extremely remorseful for this and the commotion he caused," Aldrich said. "I don't think he anticipated it would become as large a story as it did."

Welter told investigators he was shot in the left shoulder early Monday after stopping to help a pickup truck driver on a remote road near his home. Authorities found no blood, shell casings or other evidence at the scene. Welter also couldn't give a detailed description of his alleged assailant or the truck.

A sheriff's department statement said Welter's motive "appears to be a sense of despondency about an impending long-term overseas military assignment."

A military law expert said Welter, who enlisted in October, could face a court martial for faking a disability to avoid his duties.

## Soldier escapes fire

GARY, Ind. — After spending months in the line of fire in Iraq, a soldier was awakened his first night back to find his bedroom in flames.

Hours after being greeted by his family to an emotional homecoming Aug. 14, Army Pfc. Nick Crawford was jolted out of bed by his girlfriend's screams of "fire!"

Andrea Melendez's clothes caught fire as she hit Crawford, trying to wake him up as the room burned around them.

"She pretty much saved my life," Crawford said Wednesday. "Now she's my hero."

Disoriented and choking on the smoke, Crawford broke some windows, hit the floor and then crawled to the stairs as his stepfather tried to douse the fire with an extinguisher. He and Melendez bolted from the house just as firefighters pulled up.

But they arrived too late. The house and nearly all the family's possessions were destroyed. The family was renting the house and did not have insurance.

Everyone was unharmed. Crawford was scheduled to report back for duty Thursday at Fort Stewart, Ga. A soldier with the 3rd Infantry Division, he spent several months in Iraq, sometimes guarding supply lines under fire.

## Ex-Marine runs with bulls

STAFFORD, Va. — Being in the Marines for 25 years apparently wasn't enough action for Lt. Col. Jim Nelson.

So after he retired, the Stafford resident flew to Spain so he could run in front of a pack of panicked bulls.

Nelson wasn't the slightest bit hesitant, even when his family and friends told him he was nuts and shouldn't do it. The 48-year-old had been thinking about his sprint with the bulls since he was 18.

"I didn't want to be 70 years old, sitting on a front porch and wishing I had done that," Nelson said, referring to the bullfight festival in Spain, at which people are free to run in front of the bulls.

So early in the morning of July 13, when the rockets shot off during the festival in Pamplona, Spain, Nelson and thousands of others ran in front of six bulls for about a half-mile.

"It is 90 seconds of absolute terror," Nelson said.

From wire reports

# Expeditionary Strike Group set to ship out

BY SANDRA JONTZ

*Stars and Stripes*

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy is embarking on a potential new future for deployments as sailors and Marines leave on the first Expeditionary Strike Group.

The experimental ESG, which was to leave Friday from San Diego, essentially is an amphibious ready group on steroids; a surface action group beefed up with a submarine and maritime patrol aircraft, in addition to the Corps' 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, recently certified as Special Operations Capable.

Because of ongoing military operations and obligations around the world, the 5,000 sailors and Marines have been told to prepare for a possible eight-month deployment instead of the typical six months.

For those missions, some sailors and Marines had to deploy ahead of schedule, and won't be back in time to relieve the vessels assigned to the ESG.

"Sailors, Marines and family members of the Peleliu ESG have been told to be prepared for an eight-month deployment," said Lt. J.g. David Luckett, a Navy spokesman. "As the Chief of Naval Operations has said, the Navy is not wed to traditional six-month,

heel-to-toe deployments. One of the advantages of the naval forces is that our schedules and deployment times are very flexible, as evidenced by the recent surge of forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"So, while the Navy is looking at a range of options for deployments to support the idea of presence with purpose, the current plan calls for the Peleliu ESG to be deployed for eight months," Luckett added.

The sailors and Marines won't earn additional pay for merely being deployed longer, but if eligible and where applicable, will collect separation and danger pay for the length of time they are deployed.

"Because the operations in Iraq and in the Gulf affected our normal troop deployment, and that means a longer deployment for this ESG," said Maj. Douglas Powell, a Marine Corps spokesman. "We have to have a presence out there, and because of what it takes to get a unit ready — a work up for six months to have those units rotate in — we had to bump this deployment out two months."

The concept of the additional air and sea power of an ESG is to let sailors and Marines operate in shallow, narrow waterways as easily as in the open

ocean, according to a Navy statement about the upcoming deployment.

"We have a joint operations center on USS Peleliu ... that brings all the warfare commanders together on one ship along with the Marines," Cmdr. Louis Meier, a battle group training coordinator, said in a statement. "All those things are now working together to form a synergy that expands the capabilities of the composite warfare system."

The newly formed ESG-1 is made up of the San Diego-based amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, the dock landing ship USS Germantown, and the amphibious transport dock USS Ogden added to the guided missile cruiser USS Port Royal, guided missile destroyer USS Decatur, guided missile frigate USS Jarrett, and the fast-attack submarine USS Greenville.

The idea for an Expeditionary Strike Group had been pushed from the Navy's leadership since March 2002, when then-Navy Secretary Gordon England pushed for the larger-scale fighting group.

If all goes well, the Navy plans an expansion in which the Navy and Marine Corps will have two Pacific Fleet ESGs and one Atlantic Fleet ESG next year, the Navy statement said.

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## Snider tells appeals court she's innocent

SEOUL, South Korea — Kenzi Snider told a South Korean appeals court Thursday that she didn't kill a fellow American woman and that her previous confession was false.

Snider, who was acquitted in June of killing Jamie Penich in a South Korean hotel room in 2001, made the statement during her first hearing at a Seoul High Court.

The case against the 22-year-old former Marshall University student was undermined because a South Korean court refused to accept as evidence a confession she made to U.S. investigators.

Under South Korean law, confessions are only admissible

if made to state prosecutors. Also, Snider later argued that her confession was coerced.

South Korean prosecutors believe that Snider, beat to death 21-year-old Penich, a University of Pittsburgh student from Derry Township, Pa., over unwanted sexual advances. Both were exchange students in South Korea at the time.

FBI and U.S. military investigators got involved after South Korean police thought American soldiers might be suspects. Investigators, however, found nothing to link any soldiers to Penich's death.

The next court hearing is scheduled for Sept. 18, and the hearings could take several months.

From The Associated Press



# USAFE commander: 3-month rotations may return

BY CHARLIE COON

*Stars and Stripes*

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Airmen in Europe might be returning to three-month rotation schedules by spring or early summer, their top commander said Thursday.

But Gen. Robert F. Foglesong, who took command of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe on Aug. 12, indicated that the return to shorter assignments won't happen if it compromises USAFE's ability to carry out orders.

"If it allows us to stay in condition to stay ready and keep skills honed," Foglesong said. "We don't want to leave [airmen] with their tongue hanging out so much that they can't train adequately."

The three-month rotation was established to staff areas such as the no-fly zones in Iraq without keeping troops away from home for too long.

Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom have required troops to be deployed for longer periods. Returning to three-month rotations, he said, is dependent on what happens in coming months.

"We're all on board on doing whatever we need to do in this global war on terrorism," Foglesong said.

"At issue is how long we're going to be in Iraq and Afghanistan and whatever else pops up in the meantime, which is relatively unpredictable," he said.

Foglesong said the much-discussed transformation could result in new air bases in Africa and the eastern Mediterranean nations but plans are still being developed. The key is finding places where pilots and support staff can train adequately.

"I'm hesitant to [say] where," Foglesong said. "Some will depend on infrastructure that's available. Some will depend on where we can do adequate training. Airspace is a big issue."

"All those things have to be thought through."

Foglesong said that USAFE's recommendations are just a part of what the U.S. European Command under Gen. James L. Jones has to weigh. Jones, in turn, will pass along EUCOM's overall recommendations to the Department of Defense, which will fold it into its global plan.

"The capabilities we have over here will have to be resourced, managed and trained in a way so that if General Jones needs to send us somewhere, or the secretary of defense needs to send us somewhere, even outside this theater, that we have the wherewithal, training, doctrine and procedures to do that," Foglesong said.

Smaller programs that Foglesong said he planned to implement at Europe's air bases include:

■ **Combat Education** — taking away the barriers faced by airmen who want to take college courses, such as having courses taught at unconventional hours to better accommodate needs.

■ **Open "customer colleges"** — one-week training for those who provide services to airmen. They would consist of "bedside manner" improvements — answering phones properly, offering solutions and solving problems instead of "just telling somebody 'no.'"

■ **Hidden Heroes** — giving recognition to volunteers who deserve it. Foglesong said he did not think morale is a problem at USAFE.

"The 11th of September changed all of us for the rest of our lives," he said. "I believe the American public believes its military responded superbly. I think they're very proud of what they've seen us do."

"[Airmen] know even in a hard place like Afghanistan and ... Iraq that they're there for a specific reason. They'd rather be there fighting than fighting back in the United States."

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## Reporter fired for covering game off TV

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A veteran Sacramento Bee sports reporter was fired because he hid the fact that he did not file a story about a San Francisco Giants' game from the ballpark where the team was playing, his editor said Wednesday.

Sports editor Armando Acuna also said that reporter Jim Van Vliet included old, unattributed quotes from other news outlets in his story about the Giants' Aug. 6 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates at San Francisco's Pacific Bell Park.

Van Vliet watched the game on television from another location, Acuna said.

"We took this action because we value our credibility and integrity," he said.

"The story violated basic journalistic values and ethics as practiced by The Bee," the statement said. It said the paper "regrets the situation and apologizes to its readers."

According to Acuna, Van Vliet said he has been at the paper for 34 years.

## Driver trapped for 3 days in van

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. — A motorist stranded for three days after his van plunged 200 feet off a mountain highway was discovered by firefighters Thursday when they were dispatched to put out a blaze.

A helicopter crew quickly rescued the man, and authorities said he might have set the blaze to save himself.

The crew of 80 firefighters battling a two-acre blaze in the Angeles National Forest found the man trapped in the wreckage of his van, Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Roland Spewell said.

"This person has been here since Monday," Spewell said. "It's very steep and treacherous terrain."

The driver was taken by helicopter to a Pasadena hospital. His condition was not immediately known, but Spewell said the man did not appear to be seriously injured.

## Woman may have misled investigators

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Sandra M. Anderson and her dog, Eagle, dazzled police for years with their uncanny ability to locate human remains. Now she stands accused of planting bones and other fake evidence in a half-dozen cases.

A federal grand jury in Detroit handed down a 10-count indictment Wednesday, charging Anderson with evidence tampering, obstruction of justice and lying to investigators.

If convicted, she could get up to 65 years in prison. Anderson previously has denied wrongdoing.

Anderson, 43, had been widely regarded as one of the world's foremost handlers and trainers of cadaver-searching dogs. She and Eagle searched for mass graves in Bosnia and Panama, and helped search for victims of the United Airlines jetliner that crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after being hijacked as part of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

FBI agents arrested Anderson in April 2002 as she took part in a search in the Huron National Forest in northeastern Michigan.

Police had hoped to locate the remains of Cherita Thomas, an Oscoda resident who disappeared in 1980.

The indictment accuses Anderson of planting bone fragments and carpet fibers in and around a tree stump and in the muck of a drained forest creek.

The indictment does not say where Anderson got the bones she allegedly planted. Justice Department spokesman Jorge Martinez said he could not discuss the matter.

Anderson also is accused of planting evidence in other cases.

## Ex-teacher gets 10 years for rape

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A former elementary school teacher has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for raping and sodomizing an 11-year-old boy who had been one of her students.

Deborah J. Everett, 29, a former teacher at Point O' View Elementary School, pleaded guilty in April to two counts of rape and one count of forcible sodomy. She said the sexual relationship was consensual and lasted through the boy's fifth-grade school year.

The boy, now 13, told officials that the sexual relationship started while he was in fourth grade.

When sentencing Everett on Wednesday, Circuit Judge H. Thomas Padrick Jr. said: "Society would never forgive an adult, whether they be authoritative or just an adult in general, if they have a relationship with a 10- or 11-year-old. That's just unforgivable, both legally and morally."

Everett, who had dated the boy's father, was arrested in November and resigned in December from her job as a health and physical education teacher.

## Worker accused of stealing \$2.5M

NEW YORK — A city worker has been arrested on charges that she stole \$2.5 million from the Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator, authorities said.

Raimma Tagiev, 28, processed invoices in the office and began writing fraudulent checks that her husband, Yan Blinder, 43, would cash, according to papers filed by federal prosecutors in Brooklyn.

Tagiev allegedly wrote 400 fraudulent checks beginning in February 2000. The scheme was discovered during an investigation into the Brooklyn check-cashing operation that Blinder frequented, authorities said.

The couple allegedly used the money to buy jewelry and a \$450,000 home in Marlboro, N.J. and to gamble in Atlantic City.

## Toddler found dead; was left in SUV

DALLAS — A toddler was left in a sweltering sport utility vehicle for eight hours after a daycare worker picked him up in the morning but never took him out of the back seat, police said. The boy was found dead after a frantic search.

The driver found the 8-month-old boy's body between the SUV's back seat and its rear door after he received a phone call Wednesday afternoon. The driver flagged down a passing patrol car and told an officer that a child in the back of the Chevrolet Suburban wasn't breathing.

The driver turned himself in to police, the Dallas Morning News reported Thursday. Police spokeswoman Janice Houston said no charges have been filed and the case is likely to be referred to a grand jury, the newspaper said.

The boy's grandmother came to pick him up at T&T Tots Day Care & Learning Center in Oak Cliff on Wednesday afternoon and discovered the child had never arrived.

"Someone had placed the baby in a carrier seat between the back seat and the door. Whoever was driving forgot about it or didn't know about it," said police Sgt. Curtis Brown.

The county medical examiner pronounced the child dead at the scene. Results of an autopsy were expected Thursday.

## 2nd panda not born yet

SAN DIEGO — A day and a half after a giant female panda gave birth to the first of twin cubs, the second cub still had not been born and researchers said it was unlikely another delivery would be successful.

"The chances of her giving birth to a second live cub are dwindling," said Pat Morris, the San Diego Zoo's director of veterinary services.

Bai Yun, a 13-year-old female on loan to the zoo from China, was doing well after delivering the first cub Tuesday afternoon, and was nursing it and cradling it close to her body, experts said.

She appeared to have contractions again late Wednesday night, but their significance wasn't clear, zoo spokeswoman Yadira Galindo said Thursday. Most successful twin panda births occur within 12 hours of each other, though other bear species have given birth to twins as much as 30 hours apart, Galindo said.

Don Lindburg, head of the zoo's panda team, said there were no plans to intervene unless the panda showed signs of medical distress.

## Migratory birds investigation

WASHINGTON — The federal government is opening an inquiry into why so many birds are killed flying into communications towers.

The Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday it is taking on the issue in an effort to manage the expansion of communications towers in a way that "best preserves the country's environmental resources."

The inquiry is part of the FCC's environmental and historic preservation action plan announced in May.

That plan is an effort to study and police how the growing number of cell phone and broadcast towers sprouting across the country affects historic sites, Indian land and the environment.

## More than \$260,000 missing

DES MOINES, Iowa — More than \$260,000 was still missing a day after \$320,000 in cash fell out of an armored truck, state troopers said.

A Lewis Systems of Iowa truck was headed east on Interstate 80 about 6 p.m. Tuesday when its rear doors opened and a container of cash and coins went rolling across the roadway.

The driver and his co-worker immediately realized the money had fallen out and tried to stop and recover it, police said. Cars going both directions on the interstate also stopped, with about 40 to 60 people gathering the blowing money.

Two people, Martin Egan, 22, and Gerilynne Candow, 35, were stopped separately and arrested on theft charges for snagging some of the cash, said Lt. Rob Hansen, Iowa State Patrol spokesman.

Some people stayed to help pick up the money, said Hansen.

About \$60,000 was recovered at the scene and from the two arrests.

The missing money may be traceable and officials are asking anyone with information to contact police. Lewis Systems has offered a reward of 10 percent of the amount recovered for the information.

State officials said amnesty would be granted to anyone who returns money by 4 p.m. Saturday.

From wire reports

# Justices: Commandments monument must go

BY BOB JOHNSON  
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — State Supreme Court justices overruled Chief Justice Roy Moore on Thursday and directed that his Ten Commandments monument be removed from its public site in the Alabama Judicial Building.

The senior associate justice, Gorman Houston, said the eight associate justices instructed the building's manager to "take all steps necessary to comply ... as soon as practicable." Some supporters of Moore vowed to fight the move through civil disobedience.

A federal judge had ruled the monument violates the constitution's ban on government establishment of religion and must be removed from its public place in the rotunda. He had set Thursday as his deadline, but Moore said he would not move it.

The associate justices wrote that they are "bound by solemn oath to follow the law, whether they agree or disagree with it."

The monument was briefly walled off from public view Thursday as U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson's deadline passed for the marker to be out of public sight. Then the plywood-like wall came down, displaying the monument again.

Houston said the building manager may have put up the partition in order for the state to be in compliance until the associate justices made a decision. Their seven-page order, signed by all eight, was issued about 10 a.m. The partition had blocked public view of the monument from about 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

"This is an example of what is happening in this country: the acknowledgment of God as the moral foundation of law in this nation is being hidden from us," Moore said in a statement.

But attorney Ayesha Khan, an attorney for the plaintiffs fighting to get the monument removed, said the associate justices' decision "just shows what an extremist Roy Moore is, than all eight of the other justices are refusing to stand with him."

About three dozen Moore supporters, some promising peaceful civil disobedience if the monument is removed, remained outside the building, which was locked for the day to the general public. The demonstrators were angry with the associate justices' decision.

"They're supposed to hold up the state constitution, just like Roy Moore is doing," said Jerry Layne, a self-described street preacher from Chattanooga, Tenn., who wore an American flag hat.

"Now his own kind is going against him. They're abusing the law and misusing the law."

On Wednesday, 21 protesters who had surrounded the monument were arrested for refusing to leave the building. They were charged with trespassing, and most were released on their recognizance.

The U.S. Supreme Court had rejected Moore's emergency plea for a stay of the federal court order Wednesday afternoon, declining at least for the time being to be drawn into the dispute.

Moore, who installed the 5,300-pound granite monument in the rotunda of the judicial building two years ago in the middle of the night, said afterward that he did not consider the case over.

# Israel kills senior Hamas official in missile attack

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK  
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel killed a senior Hamas official in a missile strike Thursday, retaliating for a Hamas suicide bombing in Jerusalem. The Islamic militant group threatened revenge and said it is formally abandoning a truce it declared eight weeks ago.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas warned that the killing of the Hamas official, Ismail Abu Shanab, will make it difficult for him to crack down on Palestinian militants. The Palestinian leadership had decided on the clampdown just hours earlier, under intense U.S. pressure.

Abu Shanab, in his early 50s, was riding in his white station wagon, along with two bodyguards, in Gaza City on Thursday when the vehicle was hit by five missiles fired from an Israeli helicopter.

The car burst into flames and three bodies were pulled from the wreckage.

Fifteen bystanders were hurt. Dozens of Hamas supporters at the scene dunked their fists in blood and soot, raised them in the air and threatened revenge, chanting "God is great."

Israel has routinely targeted members of Hamas' military wing, but has rarely gone after the group's political leaders. Abu Shanab, a U.S.-educated professor of engineering, was the third member of Hamas' political wing to be killed in a targeted attack in the past two years.

Israel says the distinction is not valid, and that Hamas political leaders are involved in the planning of attacks.

"There's no question that there is a direct link between the heads of Hamas and the terrorists on the ground," said Israeli Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir, though he would not say explicitly that Israel killed Abu Shanab.

Abu Shanab was widely regarded as a moderate in the group, and served as a liaison with Abbas during the prime minister's efforts to persuade Hamas to halt attacks. He served as a Hamas spokesman and had a civil engineering degree from the University of Colorado.

Hamas formally called off a three-month unilateral cease-fire it declared June 29. "We consider ourselves no longer bound by this cease-fire," said a Hamas leader, Ismail Hanieh, after identifying Abu Shanab's decapitated body at a Gaza City morgue.

Another Hamas official, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, the target of a failed Israeli missile strike in June, said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will pay a high price for the killing of Abu Shanab.

"If Sharon thinks the Hamas political leadership fears assassination, he is mistaken," he said.

Hamas had carried out two suicide bombings under the umbrella of the cease-fire, including the Jerusalem bus attack that killed 20 people on Tuesday, but had insisted these were pinpoint retaliations for deadly Israeli raids and not violations of the truce.

Israel had suspended targeted killings during the unilateral cease-fire, but the Israeli security Cabinet decided late Wednesday to renew the practice, in response to the Jerusalem bombing.

## Militants declare cease-fire over

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad joined Hamas on Thursday in formally abandoning a cease-fire after Israel killed a senior Hamas leader in a rocket attack.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press, Islamic Jihad spokesman Khalid Bateesh blamed Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for the death of Ismail Abu Shanab and for wrecking the cease-fire.

The rocket attack in Gaza City "ended the Palestinian initiative of the [cease-fire] and Islamic Jihad declares that it is no longer observing this initiative," spokesman Khalid Bateesh said in the statement.

"We haven't met yet to evaluate the issue and make a decision, but it is clear to the whole world that Israel does not want the truce," said Sheikh Nafez Azzam, an Islamic Jihad leader in Gaza. "Israel has blown up the truce and run over it."

The militant groups declared a cease-fire June 29, while reserving the right to avenge the killing of militants by Israeli forces.

Israeli launched Thursday's missile attack after a Hamas suicide bomber killed 20 people on a Jerusalem bus on Tuesday.

From The Associated Press

# Which cars are at risk for thefts?

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Cadillac Escalade is the vehicle of choice for some entertainers and professional athletes. A study indicates it's the vehicle of choice for some car thieves as well.

Thieves go after the \$55,000 sport utility vehicle at a higher rate than any other vehicle, according to a report released Thursday by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a research group funded by auto insurers.

The report reviewed insurance claims for thefts or break-ins for 2000-2002 model year cars, then compared those claims to the total number of insurance policies for each of those vehicles.

Based on theft claims per 1,000 insured vehicles, five of the top 10 vehicles stolen or broken-into are SUVs. The Dodge Stratus, ranked second on the list, was the four-door car stolen at the highest rate, according to the institute.

Measured in raw numbers, the Toyota Camry has held the dubious distinction of being the most frequently stolen vehicle for six consecutive years, according to Chicago-based CCC Information Systems Inc., which tracks the total number of vehicles stolen.

But the Camry didn't make it into the Insurance Institute's top 10 list because the Camry's percentage of theft claims is low compared with the large number of Camrys on the road.

There are fewer Escalades on the road, but the SUVs are four times more likely to be stolen or broken into than the average vehicle, the institute said.

Insurance Institute spokesman Russ Rader said the

ratings are helpful for consumers, who may end up paying more to insure a vehicle with a higher likelihood of theft.

The Escalade also had the highest average theft losses, with an average loss payment of \$167 per insured vehicle, the report said.

The Chevrolet Corvette convertible had the second-highest loss payment rate at \$75. The average for all cars was \$15.

Cadillac spokesman Kerry Christopher said he does not know why the Escalade has such a high theft rate, noting the vehicle's horn goes off to deter thieves and it has an immobilizer device so it cannot be started without a key.

The Escalade also has had standard On-Star navigation since it debuted in 1999. That system makes it easier to recover vehicles after they are stolen, Christopher said.

Jeff Johnson, the controller at Don Massey Cadillac in Lone Tree, Colo., said seven Escalades were stolen from his lot last November as part of a gang initiation.

He said all seven vehicles were recovered because General Motors Corp. tracked their locations using the On-Star navigation.

Johnson, who drives a 2004 Escalade, says he understands the appeal of the luxury SUV.

"Because of its expense, it's a status symbol," Johnson said.

In addition to the Escalade and the Stratus, the other cars on the list of the 10 targeted at the highest rate were the Mitsubishi Mirage, the Jeep Wrangler, the Lincoln Navigator 2-wheel drive SUV, the Dodge Intrepid, the Lincoln Navigator 4-wheel drive SUV, the Dodge Ram 1500 series pickup, the Ford Expedition and the Chrysler Sebring.

## Newlywed receives kidney from hubby

DENVER — The bride and groom were a perfect match — medically speaking.

Less than two weeks after they got married, Svetlana Kuznetsova received a kidney from her new husband, Vladimir Solodovnik. Both were in good condition after transplant surgery Wednesday at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Solodovnik said Tuesday he didn't think of it as a wedding present.

"I only thought about her, and that she should live. I want to help her live," he said.

Kuznetsova, a 24-year-old Ukrainian immigrant, was diagnosed with kidney failure in March.

Solodovnik volunteered his kidney, which turned out to be just the type Kuznetsova needed.

## Four injured in machete attack

HOUSTON — Four people were injured Wednesday by a man wielding a machete at a YMCA office, Houston police said.

Witnesses called police and said a man with a machete was fighting off the staff at a YMCA refugee office and that one person had been stabbed.

Gashaw Dezabeh Lamma, 38, was arrested and at least two victims, one in critical condition, were being treated at Ben Taub Hospital, police said. It was not immediately known where the other two injured persons were being treated.

It was unclear what prompted the attack.

From wire reports



## Chargers' Tomlinson carted off practice field

CARSON, Calif. — San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson left practice on a cart Wednesday for the second time in less than a week, this time because of bruised left heel.

Toward the end of practice, Tomlinson took a hand-off and had his body twisted while his feet remained planted. Tomlinson believes someone accidentally kicked his heel as the play came to an end.

"I got a bruised heel, Achilles' ... something," said Tomlinson, the NFL's second-leading rusher last year. "It's always something, and it's frustrating."

Last week, Tomlinson became dehydrated and overheated during a hot and humid morning practice. He was treated for several hours and was OK.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer said he doesn't think Tomlinson's injury is serious.

Schottenheimer and Tomlinson said they weren't aware of plans to have X-rays or an MRI.

"We're going to see if it calms down," Tomlinson said. "It doesn't seem like it is too bad."

But it was bad enough that Tomlinson pulled himself from practice — something he seldom does.

"I was limping back and I knew I felt pain," he said. "So I was done after that."

## Brown practices despite muscle tear

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Packers nose tackle Gilbert Brown returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since tearing a biceps muscle in a preseason game at Atlanta on Aug. 9.

After participating in six full-contact plays, Brown said he felt the practice was a positive sign that the

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injury won't require surgery, which would likely sideline him for the season.

"There's no pain or nothing. I just felt great," Brown said. "It felt good to be out there with my teammates. That's the main thing."

Brown could get an increased workload in practice Thursday.

There's a possibility he could play in Saturday's preseason game with Carolina at Lambeau Field. The season-opener is Sept. 7.

Coach Mike Sherman has said he would like to know by Sunday whether Brown can be of use in the regular season. Otherwise, Brown likely will be placed on season-ending injured reserve.

## Kearse hopes to return for opener

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee defensive end Jevon Kearse plans on recovering from his sprained ankle in time to play in the Titans' regular-season opener against Oakland.

"These preseason games would be good, so I can try to work myself back into my original form. If I can't get it in, then I've got to wait and do it for the regular season," Kearse said Wednesday.

Kearse sprained his right ankle near the end of practice Tuesday. X-rays and MRI results Wednesday showed some swelling in the ankle. However, the results were favorable when compared to the results after he sprained the same ankle in 2001.

The three-time Pro Bowler will wear a walking boot as a precaution for up to five days until the swelling disappears.

## McCrary to announce retirement

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Baltimore Ravens defensive end Michael McCrary will announce his retirement Thursday, closing the book on an injury-filled 10-year career in which he earned two Pro Bowls nominations and a Super Bowl ring.

During the offseason, McCrary had continued to work out in the hope that his oft-injured knees could respond enough so that he could play one more season. But in the wake of his retirement, there has been talk that he could instead serve on the coaching staff.

Knee surgeries ended McCrary's 2001 and 2002 seasons, a two-year period in which he played in just 15 games, starting 12.

## Police officer under investigation for stealing identity of Vikings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — An Eden Prairie police officer is suspected of trying to steal the identities of five members of the Minnesota Vikings, according to an application for a search warrant filed in Hennepin County district court.

The officer, who had worked as a part-time security guard for the team for the past 10 years, allegedly used information about Michael Bennett to get a credit card in the name of the running back.

Bennett learned of the scam when he received bills totalling \$118 from several gas stations for a credit card he didn't own. He contacted an NFL security representative whose investigation led to the Eden Prairie officer.

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## Yankees 8, Royals 7

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens got his 305th victory, and Nick Johnson and Juan Rivera homered as New York stretched its winning streak to seven games by holding off Kansas City on Wednesday.

New York completed a three-game sweep and improved to 10-0 at home against the AL Central. Kansas City has lost six of eight.

Clemens (12-7) allowed three runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings, tying Eddie Plank for 18th on the career victory list. New York quickly overcame a 2-0 deficit against Jimmy Gobble (2-2), making his fourth major league start.

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Kansas City scored four runs in the ninth but fell short partly because of a baserunning blunder.

After Angel Berroa's RBI single in the ninth off Sterling Hitchcock, Mariano Rivera relieved and eventually got two outs for his 27th save in 33 chances.

The inning's second out came when Raul Ibanez singled to right and Mike Sweeney was held up at third. Carlos Beltran took too wide a turn at second and was thrown out by Juan Rivera.

Joe Randa followed with a single for Kansas City's seventh straight hit, pull-

ing the Royals within one, but Desi Relaford struck out on three pitches to end it.

## Blue Jays 5, Mariners 2

TORONTO — Josh Towers pitched his first complete game in over two years, and Vernon Wells hit a two-run homer to give him 100 RBIs for the second straight season as Toronto ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over Seattle.

Towers (3-1) won his second straight

start, allowing two runs — one earned — on six hits. He struck out three and walked none.

Down 2-0, the Blue Jays rallied off starter Gil Meche (13-9) for a four-run fifth highlighted by Wells' 30th homer.

## Rangers 6, Tigers 0

DETROIT — R.A. Dickey threw a six-hitter for his first major league shut-out, and Alex Rodriguez homered for the third straight game as Texas beat Detroit for its eighth straight victory.

Dickey (8-5) also struck out a career-high seven in his first complete game in the big leagues.

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## GYMNASTICS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The United States won the gold medal at the World Gymnastics Championships, the first gold in history for the Americans — men or women — at the biggest international event this side of the Olympics.

Romania took the silver medal and Australia took bronze.

Chellsie Memmel, the alternate pressed into service late last week, is now 8-for-8 on routines in the team prelims and finals.

Hollie Vise had to compete with her participant number scrawled on a piece of paper in black marker and taped to her leotard.

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Chinese women were docked .2 points, costing them the bronze medal at the World Gymnastics Championships, because an athlete warmed up on the podium before judges cleared her to step onto it.

Fan Ye, the last of China's three gymnasts on the balance beam, was waiting for teammate Zhang Nan's score to be posted when she started practicing two jumps from her routine.

A gymnast is allowed to stretch and get loose before an event, but can't practice on the podium.

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The .2 points dropped the Chinese to 110.259 points, leaving them .076 behind Australia, which won its first team medal at worlds.

## BASEBALL

CHICAGO — World Series MVP Troy Glaus will miss the rest of the Anaheim Angels' season with a shoulder injury that has kept him on the disabled list since July 22.

The third baseman has a partial tear of the right rotator cuff and fraying of the labrum, a condition confirmed by Dr. James Andrews.

Glaus will need six to eight weeks of physical therapy.

## BASKETBALL

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tim Duncan shot 8-for-10 from the field, Elton Brand scored 17 points and the United States dominated the second half to beat Brazil 110-76 in their opener at the FIBA Americas Olympic qualifying tournament.

There were some nervous moments

for the Americans in the first half as they were sloppy with the ball, failed to defend the 3-point line and fell behind by as many as 10 points. But the U.S. team closed the half with an 11-5 run, then outscored Brazil 29-8 in the third quarter to turn it into a blowout.

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller signed a new contract with the Indiana Pacers, keeping the franchise's all-time leading scorer from leaving the team where he has played his entire NBA career.

The Pacers announced the signing of the unrestricted free agent but did not release terms of the deal.

## HOCKEY

DETROIT — Curtis Joseph underwent ankle surgery, adding another potential obstacle to the Detroit Red Wings' attempt to trade their extra goalie.

A bone chip was removed during an operation on Tuesday.

The Red Wings have been trying to trade Joseph since goalie Dominik Hasek rejoined the team this summer after retiring for one season.

## Travel agency sues Sharpton

A Manhattan travel agency has filed a lawsuit against the Rev. Al Sharpton, alleging that the Democratic presidential candidate and his National Action Network owe nearly \$200,000 in travel bills.

Alpha International Travel Agency claims Sharpton provided it with "fraudulent credit-card information," leaving unpaid bills for plane tickets and hotel stays between May 2001 and August 2002.

Sharpton's lawyer, Sanford Rubenstein, said his client did nothing wrong and accused the travel agency of improperly trying to charge expenses to Sharpton's personal credit card.

## Faces 'n' places

## Janklow said to have been speeding

Rep. Bill Janklow was driving 70-75 mph when he ran a stop sign and collided with a motorcycle, according to an accident report released Wednesday by the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

The speed limit on the road is 55 mph.

The report increases the likelihood of prosecutors

bringing criminal charges against the former four-term governor.

Janklow's son, Russ Janklow, said Wednesday his father was expecting to be charged. Possible charges range from second-degree manslaughter to a misdemeanor such as careless driving.

The crash killed Randolph E. Scott, 55, whose Harley-Davidson collided with Janklow's Cadillac.

According to the report, Janklow said there was a vehicle in his lane and that he had to swerve around it. However, no other vehicles are listed in the report.

The report also says neither man had been drinking.

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## Pirates 14, Cardinals 0

ST. LOUIS — Reggie Sanders became the first player to homer twice in an inning this season, the second one a grand slam that capped a 10-run fifth, as Pittsburgh tied a team record with seven home runs in a rout of St. Louis on Wednesday.

The Pirates were victimized by the Cardinals' 10-run eighth inning in a 13-5 loss on Tuesday. They made sure this game was out of reach in the fifth, which ended with Pittsburgh leading 13-0.

Jeff D'Amico (8-12) threw a three-hitter for his fifth career complete game. He also hit his second career homer in 137 at-bats.

Jason Kendall and Brian Giles homered in a span of three pitches to start the fifth and knock Garrett Stephenson (7-12) out.

Pittsburgh also got a pair of homers from Rob Mackowiak, breaking the Busch Stadium record of six set by the Cardinals on April 9, 2000, against the Brewers.

The only other time the Pirates hit seven homers came against the Cardinals on Aug. 16, 1947, at Pittsburgh. Ralph Kiner homered three times in that game.

## Cubs 6, Astros 0

HOUSTON — Mark Prior took a no-hitter into the sixth inning as Chicago moved within a half-game of Houston in the National League Central.

Prior (12-5) allowed four hits and struck out nine in seven shutout innings as the Cubs snapped a three-game losing streak. He had a no-hitter until Adam Everett led off the sixth with a double.

The victory was Prior's fourth straight since coming off the disabled list on Aug. 4 with a bruised right shoulder. He's allowed just two earned runs in 31 innings for a 0.58 ERA, with 29 strikeouts and three walks in those four starts.

Kyle Farnsworth pitched the eighth and Joe Borowski the ninth to complete the Cubs' eighth shutout this season.

Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the fourth, and Randall Simon added a three-run shot in the sixth for the Cubs.

## Brewers 10, Phillies 1

MILWAUKEE — Richie Sexson hit a two-run homer and Brady Clark added a three-run shot as Milwaukee

## National League

roughed up Randy Wolf in a victory over Philadelphia.

The start of the game was delayed 19 minutes when a power surge caused by the utility firm We Energies — which was working on a power line outside the ballpark — shut down almost half the lights at Miller Park during pregame introductions.

Wolf (12-8), who beat Milwaukee last Thursday and had won seven of his past 11 decisions, failed to reach the fifth inning for the first time this season. He lasted 4 1/3 innings and allowed a season-high seven runs and seven hits.

It was the most lopsided loss for Philadelphia since falling 15-1 at Cincinnati on June 13.

## Reds 2, Diamondbacks 0

PHOENIX — Aaron Harang outpitched Randy Johnson, and Ryan Freel hit his first major league home run as Cincinnati beat Arizona to snap a nine-game losing streak at Bank One Ballpark.

Juan Castro had an RBI double for the Reds, who hadn't won in Phoenix since May 7, 2001.

Harang (3-0) remained perfect as a starter for the Reds, who acquired him and two other pitchers from Oakland for outfielder Jose Guillen on July 30.

The right-hander held the Diamondbacks to four hits and no walks in seven scoreless innings.

Ryan Wagner gave up a hit in the eighth and Chris Reitsma gave up a double to Alex Cintrón in the ninth to complete the six-hitter.

Johnson (3-6) lasted six innings, giving up two runs on six hits and a walk, and striking out six. He fell to 2-4 in seven starts since spending 12 weeks on the disabled list after right-knee surgery.

## Rockies 9, Marlins 3

DENVER — Preston Wilson, Chris Stynes and Ronnie Belliard each drove in two runs, and Cory Vance earned his first major league victory as Colorado beat Florida.

Vance, recalled from minor league team Colorado Springs on Tuesday, entered in the first inning when starter Darren Oliver bruised his left foot after taking a liner off the bat of Luis Castillo. Vance (1-0) went 5 1/3 innings, allowing four hits and one run. He benefited from double plays in the third and fourth innings.

Stynes and Juan Uribe each had three hits for Colorado. Wilson boosted his major league-leading RBI total to 119.

Miguel Cabrera had three hits and two RBIs for the Marlins.

Florida's Mark Redman (10-7) allowed 11 hits and eight runs in 5 1/3 innings.

## Padres 2, Mets 1

SAN DIEGO — Sean Burroughs hit a one-out RBI single in the ninth inning, lifting San Diego over New York.

Burroughs' hit off Grant Roberts (0-1) gave San Diego its second straight victory over the Mets with a late-inning rally. On Tuesday, Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer in the eighth to give the Padres a 3-2 victory.

Nevin led off the ninth Wednesday with a single. He stole second as Ryan Klesko struck out. Dave Hansen was walked intentionally before Burroughs hit a line drive to center.

Rod Beck (3-1) struck out the only batter he faced in the ninth.

## Dodgers 4, Expos 1 (10)

LOS ANGELES — Adrian Beltre's three-run homer in the 10th inning led Los Angeles over Montreal, ending the Expos' six-game winning streak.

Jolbert Cabrera doubled with one out in the 10th against Rocky Biddle (4-6), who intentionally walked Jeremy Burnitz before Beltre drove a 1-1 pitch into the pavilion in left-center for his 15th homer.

Eric Gagne (2-3) got the victory despite allowing a run and three hits in two innings.

## Giants 2, Braves 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Edgardo Alfonzo hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth as San Francisco won its second straight thriller, making two late rallies for a victory over Atlanta.

San Francisco tied it when Benito Santiago tripled and scored in the eighth, and the Giants won it in the ninth with a small-ball rally against Kevin Grysowski (6-4).

Rich Aurilia got his third hit and advanced to third on Marquis Grissom's one-out bloop single to right. After the Braves intentionally walked Barry Bonds, Alfonzo grounded a single through the middle of the drawn-in infield, scoring pinch-runner Neifi Perez. Joe Nathan (8-3) got the victory.

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## Scores/standings

### American League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct
New York	78	47	.624
Boston	71	55	.563
Toronto	62	64	.492
Baltimore	58	67	.464
Tampa Bay	51	74	.408
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	65	60	.520
Chicago	66	61	.520
Minnesota	65	61	.516
Cleveland	55	73	.430
Detroit	31	94	.248
West Division			
	W	L	Pct
Seattle	76	50	.603
Oakland	73	53	.579
Anaheim	60	67	.472
Texas	60	67	.472

### Wednesday's games

N.Y. Yankees 8, Kansas City 7  
Toronto 5, Seattle 2  
Texas 6, Detroit 0  
Oakland 8, Boston 6  
Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 5  
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 3  
Chicago White Sox 5, Anaheim 3

### National League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	81	45	.643
Philadelphia	69	56	.552
Florida	69	57	.548
Montreal	66	61	.520
New York	54	71	.432
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Houston	66	60	.524
Chicago	65	60	.520
St. Louis	65	61	.516
Pittsburgh	58	66	.468
Cincinnati	56	69	.448
Milwaukee	50	75	.400
West Division			
	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	75	50	.600
Arizona	66	60	.524
Los Angeles	65	60	.520
Colorado	63	66	.488
San Diego	49	78	.386

### Wednesday's games

Chicago Cubs 6, Houston 0  
Milwaukee 10, Philadelphia 1  
Pittsburgh 14, St. Louis 0  
Colorado 9, Florida 3  
Cincinnati 2, Arizona 0  
San Diego 2, N.Y. Mets 1  
San Francisco 2, Atlanta 1  
Los Angeles 4, Montreal 1, 10 innings

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#### SOCCER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Claudio Pizarro scored a goal in the first 15 seconds and Roberto Palacios added two assists as Peru beat Mexico 3-1 in a game marred by a bench-clearing brawl.

The teams finished with nine players apiece after a wild altercation in the 68th minute. Several punches were thrown, and eventually both teams left the field as fighting continued in the stadium tunnel outside the locker rooms.

When the teams returned to the field, officials ejected Mexico's Jared Borgetti and Omar Briseno, along with Pizarro and John Galliquio of Peru.

#### TENNIS

COMMACK, N.Y. — Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil defeated Karol Beck of Slovakia 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinals of the TD Waterhouse Cup.

The No. 2-seeded Kuerten will face No. 7 seed Youssef El Aynaoui of Morocco.

Also advancing was American James Blake, who won a career-best 36 matches last year. The 23-year-old Blake upset No. 3 seed Tommy Robredo of Spain 6-3, 6-4.

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Rodriguez has 12 homers in his past 20 games.

Nate Cornejo (5-13) allowed four runs and seven hits over six innings for the Tigers, who lost their eighth straight and were shut out for the 13th time this season.

## Orioles 9, Devil Rays 5

BALTIMORE — Damian Moss earned his first AL victory, and Jay Gibbons homered and drove in four runs as Baltimore ended an eight-game losing streak by defeating Tampa Bay.

Larry Bigbie also homered for Baltimore, and Jeff Conine returned from a 10-game absence and went 2-for-2 with two walks, two RBIs and three runs scored. The Orioles were 1-9 without their cleanup hitter, who was sidelined with bursitis in his right arm.

Moss (1-1), obtained in the July 31 trade that sent Sidney Ponson to the San Francisco Giants, allowed three runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Tampa Bay starter Victor Zambrano (9-7) gave up eight runs — six earned — and four hits. He walked six and hit a batter in 3 2/3 innings.

## Twins 4, Indians 3

CLEVELAND — Torii Hunter scored on a sacrifice fly that barely reached the outfield grass in the seventh inning as Minnesota grabbed a victory over Cleveland.

Hunter's daring dash helped the

## American League continued

Twins move within one-half game of first-place Kansas City in the AL Central.

In the seventh inning, Hunter and A.J. Pierzynski singled off Brian Anderson (9-10) and Dustan Mohr sacrificed. With the infield in, Cristian Guzman hit a popup to the shortstop side of second that was caught by second baseman John McDonald.

Hunter immediately broke for the plate and scored, although catcher Tim Laker argued the call.

Laker was ejected, and as he was being escorted back to the dugout by manager Eric Wedge, Cleveland's catcher tossed his mask, glove and the ball toward the plate before grabbing the bat boy's stool and flinging it on the field.

Brad Radke (9-10) gave up three runs and eight hits in seven innings. J.C. Romero and LaTroy Hawkins got through the eighth and Eddie Guardado worked the ninth for his 28th save.

## White Sox 5, Angels 3

CHICAGO — Esteban Loaiza won his 16th game as Chicago moved into a tie for AL Central lead by beating Anaheim.

Jose Valentin, Magglio Ordonez and Carl Everett homered as the White Sox completed a three-game sweep and

tied Kansas City, which lost 8-7 to the New York Yankees on Wednesday. Minnesota, which beat Cleveland 4-3, trails by one-half game.

Loaiza (16-6) matched Toronto's Roy Halladay for the AL lead in victories and is one behind major league leader Russ Ortiz of Atlanta.

He allowed 10 hits in six-plus innings — including Adam Riggs' second homer in two nights. He struck out nine and improved to 5-1 since the All-Star break.

Roberto Alomar went 4-for-5 — all infield hits — for the White Sox.

Chone Figgins, the Angels' leadoff hitter, also had four hits — a career high.

## Athletics 8, Red Sox 6

BOSTON — Catcher Doug Mirabelli's error in the eighth inning allowed Erubiel Durazo to score the go-ahead run as Oakland beat Boston.

The A's, who scored three runs in the seventh in Tuesday's 3-2 victory, trailed 6-2 after four innings. They scored four runs off Byung-Hyun Kim (5-4) in the eighth to go ahead 8-6.

The A's cut it to 6-5 on Durazo's RBI single. Scott Hatteberg's RBI single tied it, and with runners on first and third, Bill Mueller fielded Mark Ellis' chopper. His throw got past Mirabelli, and Durazo slid home safely to make it 7-6.

Chris Singleton's sacrifice fly made it 8-6.

Chad Bradford (7-3) got two outs for the victory. Keith Foulke worked the ninth for his 33rd save in 38 chances.

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